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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/053,858

Applicant(s)

MAKSIMOVIC ET AL.

Examiner

Terry D. Cunningham

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 12-16 and 23-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11, 17-22 and 28-33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Summary of changes in this action

1. The indefiniteness rejections have been overcome responsive to the amendment.
2. Responsive to the amendment providing clarification, claims 6-11, 17-22 and 28-33 have been reconsidered and found to contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 12-16 and 23-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagano et al. (USPN 6,130,565).

With respect to claims 1-5 and 23-27, Nagano et al. discloses, in Figs. 18 and 19, a circuit comprising: “a digital processing component (801-808); “an adjustable clock source (700 of Fig. 18) capable of supply a variable power supply level (OO1 and OO2)” having “a first delay cell (40201)”, “a second delay cell (40202-40233)” and “a power supply adjusting circuit (202, 102, 304 and 4020)””, all connected and operating similarly as recited by Applicant.

With respect to claims 12-16, clearly the above circuit to Nagano et al will provide the recited method.

Examiner has fully considered Applicant's remarks for the above rejection and has not found them to be persuasive. Applicant remarks that “The cited portions of Nagano recite that the outputs of first and last ‘delay circuits’ are provided to a phase difference comparison circuit 202. The cited portions of Nagano do not recite that the outputs of two consecutive delay

circuits are provided to the phase difference comparison circuit 202". However, Applicant's remarks, or the relevance thereof, are not understood. The above rejection is interpreting the "first delay cell" as element 40201" and the "second delay cell" as element 40202-40233. Examiner finds nothing whatsoever unreasonable about such an interpretation.

Further, with respect to the language concerning "control signal" being "capable of adjusting the power supply level based on the determination", such is deemed to be functional recitation of intended use. Clearly, the reference to Nagano is capable of providing this operation.

Claims 6-11, 17-22 and 28-33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.


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Conclusion

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy P. Callahan can be reached on 571-272-1740. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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